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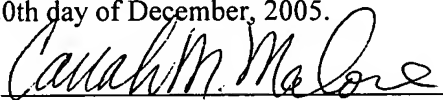
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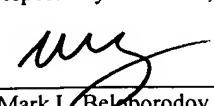
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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

This paper responds to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 6, 2005, in connection with the patent application identified above. Applicants believe that no extension-of-time or other fee is due for this Response to be entered and considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

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